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HAWAII.

Examination of Rodents for Plague Infection.

During the week ended August 3, 1912, there were examined at Hilo 548 rats and mongoose, and at Honokaa 1,431. During the week ended August 10, 1912, there were examined at Hilo 805 rats and mongoose, and at Honokaa 1,784. No plague infection was found.

At Honolulu during the week ended August 3, 1912, there were examined 251 rats, and during the week ended August 10, 1912, there were examined 230 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last case of human plague occurred at Honokaa March 14, 1912. The last plague-infected rat was found between Honokaa and Kapulena April 24, 1912.

ITALY.

Examination of Emigrants.

Surg. Geddings, at Naples, reports:

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo week ended Aug. 17, 1912.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Aug. 13	Ancona.....	Philadelphia.....	1,410	220	1,790
14	Carpathia.....	New York.....			
16	San Giorgio.....	do.....			
17	Venezia.....	do.....	741	140	950
	Total.....		2,151	360	2,740

PALERMO.

Aug. 14	Ancona.....	Philadelphia.....	484	400	375
14	Argentina.....	New York.....			
	Total.....		484	400	375

PORTO RICO.

Plague Situation.

Two cases of plague were reported in the barrio La Perla, in the municipality of San Juan, September 6, and 1 case September 10.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel further reports as follows:

Rats examined Aug. 24 to 31, 1912.

Place.	Rats examined.	Rats found infected.	Rats found suspicious.
All Porto Rico.....	1,014		
San Juan municipality:			
San Juan.....	198		
Puerta de Tierra.....	98		
Santurce.....	299		

A summary of the plague situation to August 31, including human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 12,223; rats found infected, 60; human cases, 50; deaths, 31.

Inspections made Aug. 24 to 31, 1912, inclusive.

Buildings inspected.....	238
Cars inspected.....	123
Packages of freight fumigated.....	729
Packages of freight repacked.....	81
Packages of freight inspected.....	9,769
Oxcarts and wagons carrying outgoing overland freight inspected.....	404
Packages inspected.....	7,220
Packages repacked.....	323
Total number of packages inspected.....	7,543
Express packages inspected.....	499
Express packages repacked.....	179
Rats found in freight and express packages inspected.....	2